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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO BANDA CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

REFERENCE: STATE 181205 *Pol 6-2 US Kennedy/Banda*

1. BANDA IS ON UPCOUNTRY TOUR TODAY AND TOMORROW. PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S MESSAGE DELIVERED THIS MORNING BY NOTE TO MALAWI HIGH COMMISSION, NAIROBI, AND EMBASSY HAS BEEN ASSURED IT WILL BE DRAWN TO DR. BANDA'S ATTENTION AS SOON AS HE RETURNS.
2. DURING NAIROBI CIVIC RECEPTION FRIDAY EVENING, EXPECT OPPORTUNITY DETERMINE FROM BANDA WHETHER OR NOT MESSAGE RECEIVED AND IF IT WILL BE RELEASED. FERGUSON

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The Department of State acknowledges the receipt of the note of June 7, 1968 from the Embassy of Trinidad and Tobago, which enclosed a message from Prime Minister Williams to President Johnson, expressing a deep sense of shock and sadness at the assassination of Senator Kennedy.

The President has responded to this expression of grief in a telegram to the Prime Minister to be delivered by the American Embassy in Port of Spain.

Department of State,

Washington,

June 13, 1968

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EMBASSY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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The Embassy of Trinidad and Tobago presents

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its compliments to the Department of State and has

the honour to request that the following message

from the Prime Minister and People of Trinidad and

Tobago be transmitted to President Johnson:

"Permit me to express deep sense
of shock and sadness at the
assassination of Senator Robert
✓ Kennedy. The United States has
lost one of its distinguished
sons; this dastardly act by an
individual is condemned by
peoples all over the world who
recognise it as being completely
contrary to the principles of
democracy which the people of
the United States stand for and
valiantly defend. I join in
mourning his loss."

The Embassy of Trinidad and Tobago avails

itself of the opportunity to renew to the Department

of State the assurances of its highest consideration.

June 7, 1968
Washington, D.C.



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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO THEIR EXCELLENCIES
MARINO BENEDETTO BELLUZZI AND DANTE ROSSI, CAPTAINS REGENT;

HIS EXCELLENCY FEDERICO BIGI, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F.
Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf
of the people of the United States, I express my deepest
appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE

2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is
a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your
message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE

3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no
objection to release by recipients.

4. Following, FYI, is English text of Captains Regent's and
Secretary's message to the President:

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EUR/AIS:RWTaylor, Jr:ld

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Telegraphic transmission and

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EUR - Mr. Springsteen

Clearances:

EUR/AIS - Mr. Stabler

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QTE The brutal crime that took the young and noble life of Senator Robert Kennedy has deeply moved the Government and people of the Republic of San Marino. At this time, when the American people are again saddened by a barbaric act of violence, resulting in the tragic death of a valiant champion of the ideals of freedom, democracy, justice and civic equality on which the very existence of the American nation is based, we wish to express to you, Mr. President, our personal heartfelt sympathy and the sincere sharing by the people of San Marino in the grief of the American people. MARINO BENEDETTO BELLUZZI, DANTE ROSSI, CAPTAINS REGENT; FEDERICO BIGI, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. UNQTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that you share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House doesnot plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Prime Minister.
4. Following, FYI, is text of Prime Minster's message to the President sent through Trinidad Embassy, Washington:

QTE Permit me to express deep sense of shock and sadness at the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy. The United States has lost one of its distinguished sons; this dastardly act by an individual is condemned by peoples all over the world who recognise it as being completely contrary to the principles of democracy which the people of the United States stand for and valiantly defend. I join in mourning his loss. UNQTE

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Message to the President from the
Ambassador of Guyana

In response to the message of condolence sent
by the Guyana Ambassador on behalf of the Prime
Minister on the death of Senator Kennedy, I
recommend that a letter of acknowledgement be
sent by Mr. Oliver to the Ambassador on behalf
of the President.

Benjamin H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested message.
2. Telegram from Ambassador Carter.

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His Excellency
Sir John Carter
Ambassador of Guyana

6/25/68

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The President has asked that I thank you for your kind message of condolence on behalf of the Prime Minister, the Government and people of Guyana upon the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your kind words of sympathy were deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

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ON BEHALF OF THE PRIME MINISTER THE GOVERNMENT AND

THE PEOPLE OF GUYANA I EXTEND TO YOU MR PRESIDENT

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AT YET ANOTHER TRAGIC LOSS SUFFERED

BY THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA. THE PASSING OF SENATOR ROBERT

F KENNEDY WILL BE MOURNED EVERYWHERE BY MEN OF GOODWILL

AND BY THE UNDERPRIVILEGED AND OPPRESSED WHOSE CAUSE

HE SO OFTEN CHAMPIONED

JOHN CARTER AMBASSADOR OF GUYANA.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Acknowledgment of Condolence
Message from Canadian Prime
Minister to President

Enclosed is a suggested reply to Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau's message of condolence over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. A copy of the Prime Minister's message is also enclosed.

Alternative language is proposed in this instance because the standard reply is being transmitted to the Governor General. Moreover, it is believed desirable to make specific reference to attendance at the funeral services in New York by former Prime Minister Pearson, who served as Mr. Trudeau's personal representative as well as the official representative of the Government of Canada. Following approval of the Trudeau message, we propose to send the two messages simultaneously.

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Benjamin H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply
2. Message from Prime Minister Trudeau

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SUGGESTED MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU:

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

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I am deeply grateful for your thoughtful expression of sympathy over the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

It is comforting to know that the grief and sense of loss experienced by all Americans in recent days is shared by your countrymen. I am particularly appreciative of your designation of Lester B. Pearson, one of Canada's most distinguished citizens, as your personal representative at the Senator's funeral. I shall convey your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

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Lyndon B. Johnson

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO GOVERNOR GENERAL:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Governor General.
4. Following, FYI, is text of Governor General's message to the President:

QTE As our hopes of yesterday for the recovery of Senator Robert F. Kennedy have been shattered, we have regretfully to accept with you and your countrymen the tragic loss of one whose service to his country and contributions to its national life have been admired and will be long remembered

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER:

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3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Prime Minister.
4. Following, FYI, is text of Prime Minister's message to the President:

QTE On behalf of the Government of Canada I wish to express to you our sense of shock and loss at the tragedy which you mourn. The death of one who dedicated himself so courageously to the service of his country evokes the profound sympathy of all your friends and neighbours in Canada.

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We join with you and the people of the United States in your grief
at this time. Pierre Elliott Trudeau UNQTE

Message from the Prime Minister of Canada
to the President of the United States of America

Mr. President,

On behalf of the Government of Canada I wish to express to you our sense of shock and loss at the tragedy which you mourn. The death of one who dedicated himself so courageously to the service of his country evokes the profound sympathy of all your friends and neighbors in Canada. We join with you and the people of the United States in your grief at this time.

Pierre Elliott Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada"

NOTE TO S/S: Message from Prime Minister Trudeau was received under cover of a letter from Canadian Ambassador Ritchie which also transmitted a message from the Governor General of Canada to the President. These communications, together with one perfectly typed copy of each, are attached to the standard reply being sent from the President to the Governor General.

"Mr. President,

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Pierre Elliott Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada"

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June 13, 1968

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Message of Condolence from Brazilian
Ambassador to President Johnson on the
Death of Senator Robert Kennedy

There is enclosed a copy of a message of condolence from
Brazilian Ambassador Leitao da Cunha to President Johnson on
the death of Senator Kennedy.

The Department recommends that an acknowledgement be sent
on the President's behalf by Assistant Secretary of State
Covey T. Oliver. A copy of the suggested reply is enclosed.

Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply.
2. Copy of message from Brazilian Ambassador.

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Clearances: ARA/IR - Mr. Kubisch
S/S - Mr. Parker

ARA - Miss Eltz

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**Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary**

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply.
2. Copy of message from Brazilian Ambassador.

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Clearances: ARA/BR - Mr. Kubisch
S/S - Mr. Parker

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Suggested Reply

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President Johnson has asked that I reply to your
message ^{to him EXPRESSING} ~~of~~ condolences ^{ROBERT F. KENNEDY} on the death of Senator Kennedy.

This tragic and untimely event has ^{been}~~come~~ ~~as~~ a ~~deep~~^{profound} shock to all Americans. The President has asked that I express his deep appreciation for your words of sympathy, and I should like to add my own personal appreciation for your thoughtful message.

Sincerely yours,

C. T. OLIVER

Covey T. Oliver
Assistant Secretary for
Interamerican Affairs

The Honorable
Vasco Leitao da Cunha,
Brazilian Ambassador,
3007 Whitehaven Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20008

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

PLEASE ACCEPT MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES FOR THE GREAT LOSS
WHICH THIS COUNTRY HAS SUFFERED WITH THE TRAGIC PASSING
AWAY OF SENATOR ROBERT F KENNEDY. RESPECTFULLY
VASCO LEITAO DA CUNHA BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR.

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Suggested Reply to Norwegian
Ambassador's Telegram of
Condolence to the President
on the Death of Senator Robert
F. Kennedy

Since Ambassador Cunneng states that he
offers condolence at the command of King Olav,
we recommend that the President reply directly
to Ambassador Gunneng.

A draft letter of reply is enclosed.

Benjamin H. Read
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Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

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Suggested Reply

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for the words of sympathy that the King has asked you to convey.

The knowledge that His Majesty shares our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

His Excellency
Arne Gunneng,
Ambassador of Norway,
Washington.

Incoming Message

The President

The White House

By command of His Majesty the King I have the honour to extend my deepest sympathy in the tragic death of Senator Robert Kennedy.

Arne Gunneng Ambassador of Norway



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Washington, D.C. 20520

July 2, 1968

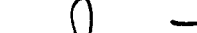
Norway

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The President has asked me to express his deepest appreciation for the words of sympathy that King Olav asked you to convey at the time of the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

All Americans have been shocked by the untimely death of Senator Kennedy. The knowledge that His Majesty shares our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. We have transmitted your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,

John M. Leddy
Assistant Secretary for
European Affairs

His Excellency
Arne Gunneng,
Embassy of Norway,
Washington, D. C.



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Washington, D.C. 20520

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THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Suggested Reply to Swedish Prime Minister's
Telegram of Condolence to the President on
the Death of Senator Robert Kennedy

The President has received telegrams of condolence on the death of Senator Robert Kennedy from the King of Sweden and the Prime Minister of Sweden. The text of the reply previously approved by the White House is being used to respond to the King's message. Enclosed is a suggested reply to Prime Minister Erlander's telegram for your approval. We will plan to send the two messages simultaneously.

Benjamin H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested Reply
2. Prime Minister Erlander's Message

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Suggested Reply

It is a consolation to know, in this time of sadness, that our tragic loss is shared by men of peace and good-will throughout the world. I deeply appreciate your considerate message of condolence on the death of Senator Robert Kennedy.

Lyndon B. Johnson

His Excellency
Tage Erlander,
Prime Minister of Sweden,
Stockholm.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO KING GUSTAF:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by King.
4. Following, FYI, is text of King Gustaf's message to the President:

QTE Profoundly moved by the cruel and tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. I express my feelings of sincere sympathy and profound grief. Adolf R. Gustaf. UNQTE

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Drafted by:
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Approved by:
EUR - Mr. Springsteen, Acting

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Please pass following message from President to
Prime Minister Ericsson:

1. QUOTE It is a consolation to know, in this
time of sadness, that our tragic loss is shared by
men of peace and good-will throughout the world. I
deeply appreciate your considerate message of condolence
Lyndon B. Johnson
on the death of Senator Robert Kennedy. END QUOTE.

2. White House does not plan WH release message
but has no objection to release by Prime Minister.

3. FYI, following is message from Prime Minister
received by White House: QUOTE Deeply shocked by the
cruel assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. I
send you in the name of the Swedish Government my feelings
of profound grief and deep sympathy. The loss of this
prominent American citizen is profoundly regretted by the
whole Swedish people. END QUOTE.

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Drafted by:

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S/S - Alan Parker

White House -

Approved by:

EUR/TELECOMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS DIVISION

EUR - Mr. Springsteen, Acting

S/CPR - Mr. Abell

EUR/SCAN - Mr. Ingram

Sweden

The White House
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

DEEPLY SHOCKED BY THE CRUEL ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT
F KENNEDY I SEND YOU IN THE NAME OF THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT
MY FEELINGS OF PROFOUND GRIEF AND DEEP SYMPATHY STOP THE LOSS
OF THIS PROMINENT AMERICAN CITIZEN IS PROFOUNDLY REGRETTED BY THE
WHOLE SWEDISH PEOPLE

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Attention *Mrs. Mallett*
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Kennedy Condolences - Alternative
Language

The language previously approved by the
White House was sent in reply to Chancellor Kiesinger's
condolence message. I enclose a suggested reply
to Federal President Luebke's message to the President,
which is also enclosed.

Benjamin H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply
2. President Luebke's message
of condolence

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Suggested Reply

Dear Mr. President:

It is a great consolation to know, in this tragic time, that our loss is shared by our German friends. I deeply appreciate your thoughtful message of condolence on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

Lyndon B. Johnson

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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT
LUEBKE:

QTE Dear Mr. President:

It is a great consolation to know, in this tragic time,
that our loss is shared by our German friends. I deeply appreciate
your thoughtful message of condolence on the death of Senator
Robert F. Kennedy. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE

2. White House does not plan to release message, but has no
objection to release by President Luebke.

3. Following, FYI, is English text of President Luebke's message
to the President:

QTE On the occasion of the tragic death of Senator Robert
Kennedy I convey to you, Mr. President, and to the American nation
my and the German people's deepfelt sympathy. We mourn with you
and the suffering Kennedy family.

We join you in the confidence that the ^{affliction} ~~affliction~~ imposed
upon your country by this senseless act of violence will confirm
the determination of the Americans to maintain their good

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The world depends on an American nation which, strong and united, continues to contribute to maintaining freedom and securing true peace.

Heinrich Lübke
President of the Federal Republic of Germany UNCTE

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Message from German President Luebke to President Johnson

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We join you in the confidence that the affliction imposed upon your country by this senseless act of violence will confirm the determination of the Americans to maintain their good traditions and the moral strength of which they have given so many proofs.

The world depends on an American nation which, strong and united, continues to contribute to maintaining freedom and securing true peace.

Heinrich Luebke
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Kennedy Condolences from Israeli
President and Prime Minister

The Department proposes to reply to Prime
Minister Eshkol's message using language previously
approved in the White House.

A proposed reply to President Shazar is
enclosed. Copies of the incoming messages are
also enclosed.

Benjamin H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Reply to President Shazar
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H.E. PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON D.C.

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UTTERLY SHOCKED BY THE RENEWED TRAGEDY THAT BEFELL THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE WITH THE DASTARDLY ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF SENATOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY. IN COMMON WITH ALL THOSE WHO ABHORS VIOLENCE AS A MEANS OF
SHAPING THE AFFAIRS OF MAN WE PRAY FOR SENATOR KENNEDY'S SPEEDY

RESTORATION TO FULL HEALTH AND TO DYNAMIC PARTICIPATION IN THE
NATION'S AFFAIRS.

LEVY ESHKOL

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PRESIDENT LYNDON B JOHNSON THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTONDC
FOR MYSELF AND FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL DOWED BY
GRIEF FOR THE BRILLIANT AND PRECIOUS LIFE SO UNTIMELY AND
SAVAGELY CUT DOWN I SEND PROFOUNDEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE AND WOULD DEEPLY APPRECIATE TRANSMISSION
TO MRS. KENNEDY AND THE FAMILY OF OUR SORROWFUL
CONDOLENCE IN THEIR INCREDIBLE TRAGIC LOSS

ZALM SHAZAR PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL

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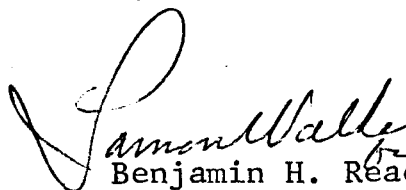
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Telegram to the President
from José A. Mora

José A. Mora, former Secretary General to the Organization of American States, has sent a telegram to the President expressing his condolences on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

The Department believes that, in view of Dr. Mora's position, he should receive a telegram reply in similar language to that being used for replies to foreign dignitaries.

As Dr. Mora is presently at his vacation home in the U.S. Virgin Islands and will be there for the immediate future, such a telegram would be sent via direct commercial channels.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply.
2. Telegram from Dr. Mora

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Suggested Reply

His Excellency
Dr. Jose A. Mora
P. O. Box 268
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. I wish to express my deep appreciation for your words of sympathy.

Lyndon B. Johnson

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His Excellency
Dr. Jose A. Mora
P. O. Box 268
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

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The tragic and untimely death of
Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as
a great shock to all Americans. I
wish to express my deep appreciation
for your words of sympathy.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

ALLOW ME TO PRESENT TO YOU AND THE GOVERNMENT OF
UNITED STATES MY PROFOUND SORROW AND SYMPATHY IN THIS SAD OCCASION
WITH MY DEEP FAITH IN AMERICA RESPECTFULLY YOURS

JOSE A MORA FORMER SECRETARY GENERAL OAS.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Kennedy Condolence Message from
President Toure of Guinea

The Department proposes the enclosed language
for a reply to President Toure's message of
condolence on the death of Senator Kennedy.

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Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested Reply
2. President Toure's Message

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Suggested Reply

Dear Mr. President:

Your Excellency's message of condolence on the tragic occasion of the death of Senator Kennedy was a source of consolation during these past difficult days. I am most grateful to you for your concern and sympathy. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the family.

Lyndon B. Johnson

His Excellency
Ahmed Sekou Toure,
President of the Republic of Guinea,
Conakry.

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Conakry, Guinea
June 7, 1968

The President
The White House
Washington

Have learned with consternation sad news of unfortunate death Senator Robert Kennedy. To bereaved Kennedy family and to American people prematurely deprived of one of her best sons, Guinean people and government send their very profound condolences. Energetically condemn assassination as means of political struggle and join with you to castigate this odious crime that the entire world deplores. Highest consideration.

Ahmed Sekou Toure

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Messages from the President
to Libyan King and Government
on the Death of Senator Kennedy

We do not wish to send the same message from the President to both King Idris and the Acting Prime Minister to Libya to acknowledge their condolences on the death of Senator Kennedy. For this reason we suggest the text in the enclosed message.

The message to King Idris closely followed the language proposed in S/S's memorandum of June 10. We would plan to send the two messages simultaneously.

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Enclosure:

Telegram from President
to Acting Prime Minister
Al-'Abaydi

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
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Attention *Mr. Malt*
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Subject: Message of Condolence to the President
from Panamanian President-Elect Arnulfo Arias
on Death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

Panamanian President-Elect Arias has sent the enclosed message to President Johnson on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Arias' opponents are still attempting legal maneuvers to challenge his credentials as President-Elect and have accused the United States Government of assisting Arias' campaign. In view of these circumstances the President did not send a message of congratulations to Arias at the time he was proclaimed President-Elect. For the same reasons it is recommended that acknowledgment of Arias' message concerning Senator Kennedy not come directly from the President. Instead, it is suggested that our Ambassador to Panama be instructed to send a written acknowledgment to Arias on behalf of the President. A proposed telegram of instructions to our Ambassador is enclosed. We propose, in addition, that the text of the language previously approved by the White House be sent in reply to a message of condolence from President Robles.

Robles
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Proposed telegram
2. Message from President-Elect Arias
dated June 6
3. Message from President Robles

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Message from Dr. Arnulfo Arias
Translation

Panama
June 6, 1968

The President

The White House

Deeply grieved and appalled by the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, I convey to Your Excellency and through you to the people of the United States my expression of sympathy for the irreparable loss that mankind has suffered.

Dr. Arnulfo Arias
President-Elect of Panama

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1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not rpt not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President Robles.
4. Following, FYI, is English text of Robles message to the President: QTE The North American people have lost one of their pillars with the violent passing of Senator Robert Kennedy, paladin of democracy, whose image will remain unforgettable in the minds and hearts of all the free men in the world. Through

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you I will express to the United States Government and people the sorrow felt by all Panamanians and my personal sympathy for the loss of one who was called to give his support to the incessant search for peace and progress for humanity. UNQTE

5. Robles also sent message in Spanish following shooting. Text, which received White House on June 5, as follows: CTE Honda consternacion me causo el alevoso atentado a la persona del distinguido Senador Robert Kennedy, autentico defensor de las libertades humanas y verdadero exponente del sentimiento norteamericano. Por vuestro digno conducto expreso al gobierno y pueblo norteamericano el repudio de los panamenos por acto tan vil y ruego al Todopoderoso la salvacion del honorable ciudadano Kennedy. UNQTE

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1. Following is text message sent to President Johnson by Arnulfo Arias on death of Senator Kennedy: OTE Profundamente conmovidos y horrorizados por la tragica muerte del Senador Robert F. Kennedy, hacemos llegar a Vuestra Excelencia y por su digno conducto al pueblo de los Estados Unidos nuestra expresion de duelo por la irreparable perdida que ha sufrido el genero humano.

Dr. Arnulfo Arias

Presidente-Electo de la

Republica de Panama UNOTE

2. Because of sensitive post-electoral period, believe acknowledgement should be made from Ambassador to Dr. Arias rather than via ~~USSTATE~~ message from President Johnson, as is being done in case of similar message received from President Robles. If you perceive no objection, you should send following acknowledgement to Arias:

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QTE Dear Dr. Arias:

President Johnson has asked that I express his deepest appreciation for your message of sympathy on the tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your message will be transmitted to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. UNTE

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Proposed Telegram of Instructions to Embassy Panama

Suggested Reply

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Dr. Arnulfo Arias

Presidente-Electo de la

Republica de Panama UNQTE

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QTE Dear Dr. Arias:

President Johnson has asked that I express his deepest appreciation for your message of sympathy on the tragic and

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untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your message will be transmitted to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. UNQTE

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Message to the President from President Robles of Panama

The North American people have lost one of their pillars with the violent passing of Senator Robert Kennedy, paladin of democracy, whose image will remain unforgettable in the minds and hearts of all the free men in the world. Through you I will express to the United States Government and people the sorrow felt by all Panamanians and my personal sympathy for the loss of one who was called to give his support to the incessant search for peace and progress for humanity.

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THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Suggested Reply to Icelandic
President's Telegram of Condolence
to the President on the Death
of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

Both the President and the Prime Minister of Iceland have sent the President messages of condolence on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. In our reply to the Prime Minister, we have employed the text previously approved by the White House. Accordingly, to avoid duplication, we recommend the enclosed telegram be sent to the President of Iceland. We would plan to send the messages to the President and the Prime Minister simultaneously.

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Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

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Suggested Reply

All of America mourns the loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Please accept my appreciation and that of my countrymen for your thoughtful words of condolence.

We draw comfort from the knowledge that you and your countrymen share our grief. I shall pass your message on to Mrs. Kennedy and the Senator's family.

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LBJ
Lyndon B. Johnson

His Excellency
Asgier Asgeirsson,
President of Iceland.

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Reykjavik
June 7, 1968

The President
The White House
Washington

Please allow me Mr. President to send you personally
and the people of the United States my sincerest
condolences and those of the people of Iceland on the
very tragic occasion of Senator Robert F. Kennedy's
funeral.

Asgeir Asgeirsson
President of the
Republic of Iceland

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1. KIPresident has received telegram of condolence from David Morse of ILO. Please transmit following acknowledgment.
2. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy.
3. QTE The knowledge that the International Labour Office shares our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Signed Lyndon B. Johnson. UNQTE. ~~END~~
4. White House does not plan to release text of message but has no objection to release by ILO.

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1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that you share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Prime Minister.
4. Following, FYI, is text of Prime Minister's message to the President sent through Barbados Embassy, Washington:

QTE I was profoundly shocked on hearing of tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Please accept deepest condolence of my Government and people of Barbados and convey our sympathy to widow and family. UNQTE

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Yours UNQTE.

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HUSAIN of India:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President Husain.
4. Following, FYI, is ~~(English)~~ text of President Husain's message to the President:

QTE We are deeply grieved to learn of the tragic and
—untimely death of Senator Robert Kennedy. A career of great

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promise has been cut short leaving the United States and the world poorer for the loss. On behalf of the Government and the people of India I convey to you, the bereaved family, and the American people our profound sense of sorrow at the grievous tragedy.

Dr. Zakir Husain UNQTE

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TO : Department of State

FROM : Amconsul NASSAU

DATE: June 13, 1968

SUBJECT : Expressions of Sympathy on the Occasion of the Death of Senator Robert Kennedy

REF :

This post has received a number of telephone calls and personal expressions of sympathy on the occasion of the death of Senator Robert Kennedy. Communications from the wife of the Premier of the Bahamas, Mrs. Lynden O. Pindling and from the Government of the Bahamas, as expressed by His Excellency, the Governor, have already been telegraphed to the Department.

Three additional messages of condolence have been received which are attached to this airgram, one is from the Consul General of the Republic of Haiti, another is from Dr. and Mrs. Obregon of Princess Margaret Hospital on behalf of Cuban refugees who are working in the Bahamas and the other from Sir Ralph Campbell, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Bahamas.

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FROM : Amembassy RABAT

DATE: June 13, 1968

SUBJECT: Transmission of Book of Condolences

REF :

The Embassy encloses, under cover of this airgram, a Book of Condolences which was opened at Rabat on June 8, 1968, following the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy on June 6, 1968.

In addition to the 100 and some odd persons who signed the book, the Embassy has received numerous telephone calls, letters, and expressions of sympathy from Moroccan officials, diplomatic colleagues, and just plain people of Morocco--all of whom were shocked by the news of Senator Kennedy's assassination and sorrowful for the Kennedy family.

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TO : DEPARTMENT OF STATE

FROM : Amembassy SANTIAGO

SUBJECT : PR Members Express Condolences Over Death of
Senator Kennedy

REF :

Emotel 3969 reported that Radical Party (PR) leaders were a notable exception in the stream of visitors that found its way to the Embassy, Consulate and Residence to express condolences, consternation and sympathy over the death of Senator Kennedy. In the interim, however, several PR notables including Senators Humberto Aguirre Doolan and Raul Juliet as well as others have in fact either called personally at the Embassy or telephoned or telegraphed their regrets. This airgram is to correct the record.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT SHERMARKE:

1. QUOTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President Shermarke.
4. Following, FYI, is text of ^{Shermarke's} ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ message to the President:

QTE I have learnt with deep sorrow about the death of Senator Kennedy which has shocked the entire Somali nation. ~~stop~~ Please accept yourself and extend to ~~MAX~~ Mrs. Kennedy and other members of the family of the late Senator the deepest condolences of the Somali people, ~~XXXXXX~~ Government and myself for this sad bereavement. ~~stop~~ Accept Mr. President the assurances of my highest esteem. Abdirashid Ali Shermarke

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER:

1. QTE On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. \UNQTE
QTE You may be assured that
2. / I shall transmit your message ~~xxx~~ to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Prime Minister.
4. Following, FYI is text of Prime Minister's message to the President:

QTE We in Somalia are shocked to hear of the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy and on behalf of the Somali Government and in my own name we extend to the Government of the United States of America our most sincere condolences on this sad occasion. We would be grateful if our deepest sentiments of sorrow be conveyed to Mrs. Kennedy and other members of the bereaved family. Highest considerations. Mohamed Ibrahim Egal Prime Minister of the Somali Republic. UNQTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT DIORI:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your messages to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President Diori.
4. Following, FYI, is text of President Diori's two messages to the President as received from Niger Embassy, Washington:
QTE Distressed by the news of the heinous attempt against the life of Senator Robert Kennedy, only five years after the tragedy of Dallas, the Government of Niger associates itself

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with your moving statement and ask Your Excellency to be kind enough to transmit to the Senator and to his family the most heartfelt sympathy with which myself and my Government are following this tragic event.

My highest regards. Niamey June 5, 1968. Diori Hamani."

"June 6, 1968. I have just learned of the tragic news of the death of Senator Kennedy which dismays the whole world. Like all friends of the United States, we have followed with anxiety this dramatic event. May I ask Your Excellency to be kind enough to transmit to Senator Kennedy's family expression of deep condolences on behalf of the Niger Government and myself and to accept the assurance of my highest regards. Diori Hamani."

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT TUBMAN

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for the ~~words of sympathy~~ **message of your government** which you extended through Ambassador Brown. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Liberian Government.
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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT LAMIZANA:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President Lamizana.
4. Following, FYI, is English text of President Lamizana's two messages to the President:
QTE
/We are shocked and dismayed at the tragic passing of Senator Robert Kennedy. On this tragic occasion, we express to you, on behalf of the people and Government of Upper Volta, our
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grief-filled condolences. Following John Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, Robert Kennedy has now also fallen a martyr in the cause of ~~equality~~ equality among men, understanding among peoples, and peace. The Upper Voltan people share the grief that now weighs upon the American people. High consideration. General Sangoule Lamizana President of the Republic of Upper Volta. UNQTE

QTE We beg you to convey the following message to the Kennedy family: All the people of Upper Volta were horrified and filled with indignation at the cowardly assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy. In transmitting their grief-filled condolences, I beg you to accept their sincere sympathy. Very high consideration. General Sangoule Lamizana President of the Republic of Upper Volta. UNQTE

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IN ADDITION PRIMIN'S MESSAGES REFTEL, LOCAL REACTION TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH HAS INCLUDED FOLLOWING: IN PERSON AND TELEPHONE CALLS TO AMERICAN HOMES AND OFFICES, SIGNING OF CONDOLENCE BOOKS AT EMBASSY AND USIS, ATTENDANCE AT MEMORIAL SERVICES AT ANGLICAN CHURCH AND REQUIEM MASS AT ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL (LATTER CELEBRATED BY ARCHBISHOP) AND ATTENDED BY KING, PRIMIN, MINISTERS, DIPLOMATIC CORPS). DOMINANT THEMES HAVE BEEN EXPRESSIONS SYMPATHY FOR US AND KENNEDY FAMILY, RECOLLECTION SENATOR KENNEDY'S HIGHLY INSPIRATIONAL 1966 VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA, CRITICISM OF ABSENCE ADEQUATE GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION IN US, RECOGNITION OF SENATOR KENNEDY AS CHAMPION OF DISADVANTAGED, COMMITTED TO VISION OF BETTER AMERICA IN WHICH ALL WOULD SHARE BENEFITS OF AFFLUENCE, AND RUTHLESS IN PURSUING THAT VISION.
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Please deliver following letter dated June 12 to General
de Gaulle from Ambassador Shriver:

BEGIN TEXT:

His Excellency
General Charles de Gaulle

President of the French Republic

Paris

Dear
/ Mr. President:

Your compassionate and thoughtful letter reached me by
cable here in Washington where I had come for the funeral of
Senator Robert Kennedy. I was deeply touched to receive
such an eloquent and sensitive message from you, and I can
assure you that all the members of the Kennedy family,
especially Mrs. Robert Kennedy, will treasure your words for
years to come.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you also
for the gracious reception given to my wife and Mrs. Joan
Kennedy by Madame de Gaulle and yourself last week. It was

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an honor for them to talk with Madame de Gaulle for a brief period and they were especially grateful for the visit you paid to them and the generous comments you made at that time about Senator Kennedy.

These are momentous times. I pray that your country and mine will both fulfill their destinies with strength and justice for all.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Robert Sargent Shriver

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT SARAGAT:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE

2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE

3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President Saragat.

4. Following, FYI, is English text of President Saragat's message to the President:

QTE The great sorrow that the tragic death of Senator Robert Kennedy, victim of the cruelest of all assassinations, has brought upon the Senator's wife, his children and his family, and upon you as well, Mr. President, finds the Italian people sharing

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with the people of the United States a feeling of horror at the hatred that armed the assassin's hand and of profound reverence for the memory of the man who died on the field of battle for the ~~the~~ triumph of his ideals and of democracy. As if drawn by an irresistible force, this hero of American democracy seemed destined for his great country's highest office; instead, he was felled by the storm of hatred that antidemocracy, in its racial, nationalistic, totalitarian manifestations, is unleashing against the champions of freedom throughout the world.

The memory of Robert Kennedy will live forever in the hearts of mankind, together with that of his brother, President John Kennedy, who preceded him in martyrdom for the same cause of democracy.

Accept, Mr. President, the expression of my heartfelt sympathy, which I request you to convey to the Kennedy family.

Giuseppe Saragat UNQTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO KING CONSTANTINE:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by King Constantine.
4. Following, FYI, is text of King Constantine's message to the President:

QTE The people of Greece, the Queen and I share in the shock and grief that have stricken the American nation today. I wish to express to you, Mr. President, and through you to the family of Senator Robert Kennedy and to the people of the United States our deepest sympathy.

Constantine R. End QTE.

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1. Please pass following message to President Senghor from President Johnson:

BEGIN QUOTE I was deeply touched by your message on the assassination of Senator Kennedy and would like to express my deep appreciation for your concern and that of the Senegalese people. Knowing that you share our grief is a great consolation to me and to the American people. Lyndon B. Johnson END QUOTE

2. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President Senghor.

3. Following, FYI, is translation of President Senghor's message to the President: QUOTE The tragedy that has once more put the U.S. in mourning with the horrible outrage committed upon Robert Kennedy has dismayed all Senegalese. In these sad circumstances I send you expression of our deep emotion and our sympathies.

Highest regard. Leopold Sedar Senghor. END QUOTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. ~~Kennedy~~ Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that ~~you~~ share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by HIM.
4. Following, FYI, is text of HIM's message to the President:

QTE The grievous news of the passing away of Senator Robert Kennedy as a result of an assassin's bullet has caused us great sorrow. ~~stop~~ On this dolrous occasion we extend to your Excellency and through you to the people of the U.S. our sincere condolences on the great loss sustained by your country and the world. ~~stop~~ Haile Selassie Emperor

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT SUHARTO:

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21. QTE: The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your message of sympathy.

22. QTE: The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Lyndon B. Johnson. UNQTE.

23. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President Suharto.

24. Following, FYI, is text of Suharto's message to President:

QTE: On behalf of the people of the Republic of Indonesia and my own behalf, I wish to convey to Your Excellency my profound condolences on the sad demise of Senator Kennedy. His passing away is

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not only a great loss to your country, but also to those who have always admired the great service he has rendered to the cause of justice and peace throughout the world. May ~~his~~ his soul rest in peace and may God the Almighty relieve the burden of the bereaved family. General Suharto, President of the Republic of Indonesia. UNQTE.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER STEVENS:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for ~~the words~~ your message ~~and the Prime Minister~~ of sympathy. ~~which you extended through Assistant Secretary Palmer and Ambassador Miner.~~ UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Sierra Leonean Government.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO MENDEZ MONTENEGRO:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by GOG.
4. Following, FYI, is ~~Spanish~~ text of Mendez Montenegro's message to the President:

QTE HONDAMENTE CONSTERNADO TRAGICO FALLECIMIENTO ILUSTRE
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ALTA ESTIMA. JULIO CESAR MENDEZ MONTENEGRO, PRESIDENTE ~~DE~~ DE
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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT LOPEZ:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE

2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE

3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President Lopez.

4. Following, FYI, is Spanish text of President Lopez' message to the President:

QTE Nombre pueblo y gobierno Honduras honrame expresar al pueblo y gobierno Americanos sentimientos de honda pena por inesperado fallecimiento ilustre Senador Robert F. Kennedy, quien destacose en su vida publica como abanderado de una nueva cruzada de paz, concordia y hermandad universales. Oswaldo Lopez Arellano,

— Presidente de la Republica de Honduras UNQTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO PRESIDENT MARCOS

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE

2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE

3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President Marcos.

4. Following, FYI, is text of President Marcos' message to the President:

QTE In behalf of the Filipino people I wish to express through Your Excellency the sense of irreparable loss that we feel over the untimely and tragic death of Senator Kennedy. Mrs. Marcos joins me in conveying the sorrow we share with you. President Marcos. UNQTE

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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO CHANCELLOR KIESINGER:

QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy.

The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE

2. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Chancellor.

3. Following, FYI, is English text of Chancellor Kiesinger's message to the President:

QTE Dear Mr. President:

I was deeply moved when I received the news that Senator Robert F. Kennedy succumbed to the injuries of a murderous assault. I realize with you and the American people the deep

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tragedy of this terrible event and the loss the United States suffered by the death of that man. I convey to you, also on behalf of the Federal Government and the whole German nation, the expression of my sincere sympathy.

Yours,

Kiesinger
Federal Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany UNQTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO GENERAL ANKRAH:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your ~~kind~~ words of sympathy and understanding.

UNQTE

2. QTE The knowledge that you and your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your ~~message~~ message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE

3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by General Ankrah.

4. Following, FYI, is text of General Ankrah's message to the President:

QTE We have heard with profound shock and horror, the news of the tragic death of Mr. Robert Kennedy as a result of injuries he received from an assassin's bullet in Los Angeles yesterday.

QTE Following so soon after the recent murder of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther Jr. villainous King, ~~this~~, this dastardly and ~~vicious~~ murder of Robert Kennedy is a great blow to all those who cherish the establishment of orderly human societies in which the security of the individual irrespective of his colour, creed, religion

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or political views, shall be guaranteed.

QTE It is indeed a sad reflection on our present age that a man/^{of} such integrity as Robert Kennedy who, like his late brother John F. Kennedy and also like the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, stood for the high principles of human brotherhood and ^{racial} ~~human~~ equality should die at the assassin's hands, in his efforts to bring a better life not only to his people, but to all mankind.

QTE It is our fervent hope that the noble ideal for which Robert Kennedy stood will not die with him, but rather that his untimely death will inspire us to greater efforts towards the realisation of those ideals.

QTE America has lost another great son, who symbolised the hopes and aspirations of millions of its citizens.

QTE I wish on behalf of my colleagues of the National Liberation Council, the Government and people of Ghana and on my own behalf to convey to you, and through you to the bereaved Kennedy family, and to the Government and people of the United States, our heartfelt condolences for this great and irreparable loss. Joseph A. Ankrah. UNQTE.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO KING HUSSEIN

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F.

Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On

behalf of the people of the United States, I express my

deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE

2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief

is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall

transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the

Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE

3. White House does not plan to release message, but has

no objection to release by King Hussein.

4. Following, FYI, is English text of King Hussein's

message to the President:

QTE The news of the death of late Senator Robert

Kennedy was particularly shocking to me. His death, indeed,

is an irreplaceable loss to the noble American people and to

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his friends and admirers all over the world. It is with deep sorrow and profound regret that I express to you, Mr. President, and to the people of the United States and its government my most sincere condolences and those of the people and government of Jordan. May God, the Almighty, give us all the power to suppress violence and crime. With renewed assurances of my highest consideration. Hussein.1.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO
PRESIDENT ONGANIA:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President Ongania.
4. Following, FYI, is English translation of text of Ongania's message to the President:

QTE The people and Government of Argentina share the sadness and grief of the United States of America. Robert F. Kennedy

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[will figure in the history of your country as a statesman who dedicated
his youth to his ideals. Our hope is that his image may serve as a
symbol of understanding and that his memory in our American continent
may serve to stimulate renewed efforts in search of the common good.
Please accept, through me, the sincere condolences of the Argentine
Nation. Juan Carlos Onganía, President of the Argentine Nation. UNQTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT AROSEMENA:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy.

2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE

3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by GOE.

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4. Following, FYI, is/text of President Arosemena's message to the President:

QTE

Quito, June 6, 1968

Sorrowfully affected by premature tragic disappearance Senator Robert Kennedy leader of democracy and beloved friend of Latin America it is my duty to transmit to you in name of national

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government and Ecuadorean people deepest felt grief over such irreparable loss which places all America in mourning. Accept testimony my highest and most distinguished consideration.

Otto Arosemena Gomez UNQTE.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT MAKARIOS:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F.

Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE

2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE

3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President Makarios.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT RAUL LEONI

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. ~~UNQTE~~
2. ~~QTE~~ The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President Leoni.
4. Following, FYI, is (English) text of President Leoni's message to the President:

QTE Deeply moved by the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, I wish to convey to the noble people of the United States and to Your Excellency's Government the heartfelt expressions of condolence of the people and Government of Venezuela, as well as my own. Raul Leoni UNQTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT SIR SERETSE KHAMA:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my ^{deepest} ~~deepest~~ appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your messages to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President Khama.
4. Following, FYI, is text of ~~President Khama's~~ message to the President ~~from Khama delivered by Embassy here before receipt of refuel~~.
QTE The Botswana nation and myself have learned with deepest shock and horror of the senseless attempt on the life of Senator Robert Kennedy. Please accept from me and on behalf of the Government and the people of Botswana our deepest sympathy to you, the Government and the people of the United

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States and the family of Senator Robert Kennedy. May his life
be spared. UNQTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO KING BAUDOUIN:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE

2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Lyndon B. Johnson ~~UNQ~~ UNQTE

3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Palace.

4. Following, FYI, is English translation of King's message to the President:

QTE The Queen and I as well as all our compatriots are profoundly moved by the tragic death of Senator Robert Kennedy. We convey to you, Mr. President, our participation in the great grief this event has brought your country. Baudouin & I.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT SOMOZA:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President Somoza.
4. Following, FYI, is text of President Somoza's message to the President:
QTE The people and the Government of Nicaragua strongly condemn all forms of violence, mainly those which disturb the normal processes of your great democratic system so exemplarily linked to our aspirations. In behalf of the people and the Government of Nicaragua I express to you, to the Government and the people of the United States our deep sympathy for the tragic decease of the Honorable Senator Robert Kennedy.

Affectionately, A. Somoza. UNQTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE ^{FROM} PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT AYUB:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by GOP.
4. Following, FYI, is text of President Ayub's message to the President:
QTE We have been deeply shocked in Pakistan to learn of the cruel death of Senator Robert Kennedy. An assassins bullet has cut short at its prime the life of a distinguished American who had ahead of him many years of dedicated service to his country. We mourn his loss and our hearts go out in sympathy to members of the bereaved family and to the American people. Please convey Mr. President our heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Kennedy and to other members of the late Senators _____

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family. We pray that God may give them courage and strength to bear this irreparable loss. Muhammad Ayub Khan President of Pakistan UNQTE.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
 2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
 3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Prime Minister.
 4. Following, FYI, is text of Prime Minister's message to the President:
QTE The Netherlands Government is deeply moved on hearing the tragic news of the death of Senator Robert Kennedy. While offering to you our sincere condolences I would be grateful if our feelings of profound sympathy could be conveyed to the widow and the entire family Kennedy. P.J.S. de Jong, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. UNQTE
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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT SANCHEZ:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by recipient.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO PRESIDENT
BALAGUER:

1. QTE: The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE.

2. QTE: The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE.

3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Balaguer.

4. Following, FYI, is English text of Balaguer's message to the President:

5. QTE: I express to your Excellency, in my own name and on

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behalf of the Dominican people and Government, our deepest condolences on the loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. His death has shocked all Dominicans, who fully share the mourning of the people and Government of the United States. Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my most distinguished consideration. Joaquin Balaguer, Constitutional President of the Dominican Republic. UNQTE.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT HELOU

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F.

Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On

behalf of the people of the United States, I express my

deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE

2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief

is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall

transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the

Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE

3. White House does not plan to release message, but has

no objection to release by President Helou.

4. Following FYI, is English text of President Helou's

message to the President:

QTE The news of the death of Senator Kennedy has been

received with dismay by Lebanon which abhors all acts of

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violence. On behalf of the Lebanese people and of myself
I convey to your excellency and to the American people my
sincerely and heartfelt condolences. Charles Helou, President
of the Lebanese Republic. UNQTE

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ACTION: Amembassy LIBREVILLE

Info:

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT BONGO:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by GOG.
4. Following, FYI, is English text of President Bongo's message to ^{the} President:
QTE The news of the death of Senator Kennedy has been a tragic shock to the people and Government of Gabon and to me. For the second time, the Kennedy family has paid with its blood for its active participation in the democratic institutions and the political life of your great nation. Please convey to the family our sincere condolences and our deep sympathy. In sadness we share this cruel bereavement that weighs upon the people of the United States and the entire world. Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my very high and friendly consideration. Albert Bernard Bongo UNQTE

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ACTION: Amconsul DHAHRAN

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO RULER OF BAHRAIN

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE

2. QTE The knowledge that your Highness and your people share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Lyndon B. Johnson. UNQTE

3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Ruler.

4. Following, FYI, is text of Ruler's message to President:

QTE My Government, my People and Myself are shocked and ~~distressed~~ distressed to hear of the death of Senator Robert Kennedy. We are appalled at this dreadful crime and offer to you and to the American People our Deepest sympathy at this sad time.

Isa Bin Sulman Alkhalifah, Ruler of Bahrain and its Dependencies. UNQTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO GENERAL GOWON:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that you and your countrymen, ~~although the knowledge~~
~~subsequent to the death of the Senator, have thought of us and~~
share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no ~~objection~~ objection to release by FMG.
4. Above reply responds to text of General Gowon's message to the President, as reported Lagos 9742.

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ACTION: Amembassy KABUL

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE

2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE

3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Prime Minister.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT TOMBALBAYE:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. ~~I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy Lyndon~~
~~and members of the Senator's family.~~ Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE.
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by ~~EXXRX~~ GOC.
4. Following, FYI, is English text of President Tombalbaye's message to the President:

QTE The people and Government of Chad and I were shocked to learn of the shameful assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy. We express to you our deepest and most heartfelt condolences. Very high consideration. Francois Tombalbaye, President of the Republic of Chad

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
2. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Prime Minister.
3. Following, FYI, is text of Prime Minister's message to the President:

QTE I am profoundly grieved to hear of the untimely and unfortunate death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, and I wish to express my deepest sympathy and most sincere condolences to you, the bereaved family of the late Senator and the people of the United States.

Sincerely, Eisaku Sato, Prime Minister of Japan

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO SYG BROSIO:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that you and the North Atlantic Council share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE.
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by SYG.

4. Following, FYI, is text of SYG's message to the President:

QTE The North Atlantic Council greatly grieved and shocked for the tragic death of Senator Kennedy have asked me to convey to you their heart-felt condolences. They share with me the deep sorrow of the American people."

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO CHIEF OF STATE:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy.
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by GOS.
4. Following, FYI, is English text of Chief of State's message to the President:

QTE Very deeply affected by sad news death Senator Robert F. Kennedy who in full youth was totally dedicated to work for his country in this hour of profound readjustment which the world is experiencing. I beg you to accept in my name, that of the Government, and that of all the Spanish people, the most sincere expression of our sympathy for such a tragic loss. Francisco Franco, Chief of the Spanish State UNQTE

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOHN E. RIELLY
OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

FOR FILES

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Subject: Condolence Message - Senator Robert F. Kennedy

The President of the King's Council (Upper House) of Laos, Mr. Outhong Souvannavong, has asked that the enclosed message be passed to the U.S. Congress.

It is appropriate that the Vice President receive and acknowledge the message. A suggested reply is also enclosed.

Benjamin H. Read
for Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Message from Outhong Souvannavong.
2. Suggested reply.

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Outhong Souvannavong
President of the King's Council

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ACTION: Amembassy VIENNA

Info:

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO CHANCELLOR KLAUS:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Chancellor.
4. Following, FYI, is English text of Chancellor's message to the President:

QTE ON BEHALF OF THE AUSTRIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND OF MYSELF, I ASK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO ACCEPT OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY ON

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THE TERRIBLE LOSS SUFFERED BY YOUR COUNTRY THROUGH THE ASSASSINATION
OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. HIS TRAGEDY STIRS OUR HEARTS PROFOUNDLY,
BUT THE GOALS FOR WHICH HE DIED REMAIN IN THE FOREFRONT OF OUR MINDS.

JOSEF KLAUS, FEDERAL CHANCELLOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA UNQTE

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INFO: Amembassy BLANTYRE

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SUBJECT: Condolence Message on Senator Kennedy

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT BANDA: QUOTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQUOTE
2. QUOTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQUOTE
3. White House does not plan to release message but has no objection to release by President Banda.
4. Following, FYI, is text of President Banda's message to the President: QUOTE Mr. President, words fail to express my deep sorrow and grief at hearing the untimely death of Senator Robert Kennedy. I convey the feelings of all my people in Malawi when I say that we are all mourning the death of a great American and Senator. Please accept my sincere

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condolences. Please also kindly convey to Mrs. Kennedy and all members of the Kennedy family my condolences and those of the people of Malawi. Our prayers in this hour of grief go out to the Kennedy family and may God fortify them.

H KAMUZU BANDA UNQUOTE.

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ACTION: Amembassy TEL AVIV

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Family would like receive letters addressed to them
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ACTION: AmEmbassy RABAT

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1. Please pass following message from President to King:
QUOTE: Your Majesty: The tragic and untimely death of
Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all
Americans. At this time of our grief I am grateful for your
kind message of consolation. On behalf of the people of
the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for
your words of sympathy. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQUOTE.
2. White House does not plan release message, but has no
objection to release by GOM. END.
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ACTION: Amembassy TANANARIVE

Info:

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO ~~PRESIDENT XXXXXXXX~~ PRESIDENT TSIRANANA:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE

2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE

3. White House does not plan to ~~release~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ message, but has no objection to release by ~~XXXXXX~~ President Tsiranana.

4. Following, FYI, is English text of ~~XXXXXX~~ President Tsiranana's message to the President:

QTE W Since I, together with the whole Malagasy people, share in the great sorrow that weighs upon the American people and all the liberal peoples of the world, I express to you our profound sympathy, and beg you to accept and to convey to the family of the lamented Senator Robert Kennedy my heartfelt condolences and those of the Malagasy Republic.

High Consideration. Philibert Tsiranana UNQTE.

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TO : Department of State

INFO: ASMARA

FROM : Amembassy ADDIS ABABA

DATE: June 12, 1968

SUBJECT: Death of Senator Robert Kennedy

REF : Addis Ababa 4202; USIAC, June 6; and Others

The death of Senator Robert Kennedy caused profound shock, confusion, and bitterness among educated Ethiopians. There has been widespread support for the viewpoint expressed in the Ethiopian Herald editorial of June 8 that "The American style of democracy has suddenly become at the mercy of the gun-man. The bullet is nullifying the ballot. When the ballot says yes, the bullet says no and the bullet wins." Educated Ethiopians all point out that the "wave" of assassinations in the U. S. appears aimed at individuals who are advocates of domestic social change and revision of foreign policy, and they argue from this that the assassination represents an anti-democratic effort by certain elements in American society to stave off progressive developments.

However, along with this political bitterness, there is a feeling of sadness and sympathy which has been expressed to us by many educated Ethiopians. Conscious of the strains which the American political system is now facing, and fully aware of the difficulties of carrying out peaceful social change under any political system, many Ethiopians have speculated at length on the possibility that the United States might lose some of its democratic characteristics as a result of present social clashes. They hope that this will not come about, but some are mildly pessimistic.

Memorial Services

On June 9 at 4 p.m. a memorial service was held at the Embassy Residence in observance of the national day of mourning. Although primarily

Enclosure:

1. Book of Condolences
2. Programs from Memorial Services

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ACTION: Amembassy LA PAZ

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT BARRIENTOS:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President Barrientos.
4. Following, FYI, is ~~Spanish~~ text of President Barrientos' message to the President:

QTE Excelentisimo Senor Lyndon B. Johnson, Presidente de Los Estados Unidos de America, Washington, D.C. Profundamente consternado por el alevoso crimen de que fue victima el ilustre Senador Robert F. Kennedy. Hago llegar a vuestra excelencia en nombre del pueblo Boliviano y en el mio propio la mas sincera condolencia y nuestra plena solidaridad con el dolor que aflige al pueblo de Los Estados Unidos por tan infausta muerte,

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asi como nuestro repudio a quienes intentan doblegar las ideas con la violencia.
Renuevo a vuestra excelencia los sentimientos de mi mas alto aprecio y
consideracion. Gral Rene Barrientos Ortuno, Presidente Constitucional de Bolivia.

UNQTE

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ACTION: AmEmbassy BOGOTA

12 JUN 68 17 15z

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT LLERAS:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your ~~message~~ message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President.
4. ~~Following~~ Following, FYI, is ~~Spanish~~ text of President's message to the President:

QTE Comparto profundamente conmovido el dolor del gobierno y del pueblo de los Estados Unidos por el ominoso sacrificio del Senador Robert F. Kennedy, ~~quien~~ quien no solo era una brillante figura de vuestra patria sino que personificaba los mas altos ideales de mejoramiento social de todos los pueblos del mundo. Es grave la perdida que con su muerte sufre la humanidad entera, ~~quien~~ tan necesitada

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Carlos Lleras Restrepo Presidente de la Republica de Colombia UNQTE

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Please pass following message from President to President Costa e Silva:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator ~~K~~ Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. ~~Jay~~ Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President Costa e Silva.
4. Following, FYI, is English translation of President Costa e Silva's message to the President:

~~QTE~~ QTE In the name of the Brazilian people, I join with Your Excellency and the American people in their deep sorrow and in paying homage to Senator Robert Kennedy whose public life was always inspired by the ideals of peace and human brotherhood. With deep regards, Arthur da Costa e Silva, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil. UNQTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT
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1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President.
4. Following, FYI, is text of President Kekkonen's message to the President:

QTE Deeply grieved by the great loss to the United States and to the world incurred by the tragic death of Senator Robert Kennedy. I extend to you and the American people my warmest sympathy. Urho Kekkonen UNQTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO MINISTER PRESIDENT

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNOTE

2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE

3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Minister President.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT PACHECO:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your messages to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President Pacheco.
4. Following, FYI, is ~~Spanish~~ text of President Pacheco's messages, dated / respectively June 5 and June 6, to the President:

QTE Honrame presentar vuestra excelencia hondo sentimiento gobierno y pueblo Uruguay por alevoso atentado contra Senador Robert Kennedy manifestando nuestros mas fervientes votos por rapido y completo restablecimiento ilustre paciente stop Reciba vuestra excelencia las seguridades de mis mas alta consideracion. Jorge Pacheco Areco UNQTE

QTE Profundamente emocionado tengo honor presentar vuestra excelencia mas sentidas condolencias gobierno y pueblo Uruguay por irreparable perdida eminente Senador Robert Kennedy ~~come~~ cuyo fallecimiento enluta no solamente a

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Although the Embassy has already reported telegraphically on reactions to Senator Robert F. Kennedy's tragic assassination, the account that follows and the enclosures are submitted as of possible historical interest. In general, Zambian reactions were quick and bitter, generally directed against the supposed sickness of American society, even against "those in power." The Ambassador replied to the latter (Enclosure 8), but by June 9 most reactions had subsided. Contrary to original fears, no demonstrations developed.

The news first reached the Embassy about 11 AM, Wednesday June 5, when several telephone calls were received requesting confirmation

- Enclosures:
- 1. Clippings from Times of Zambia, June 6, 1968
 - 2. USIS News Release "Memorial Book Opened for Senator Kennedy"
 - 3. Clippings from Times of Zambia, June 7, 1968
 - 4. Clipping from Zambia Mail, June 7, 1968
 - 5. Radio Zambia News Talk
 - 6. GRZ Press Release No. 1023/68
 - 7. Clippings from Times of Zambia, June 8, 1968
 - 8. USIS News Release "Ambassador Good's Response to Local Comments on Kennedy Assassination"

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of a South African radio broadcast that Senator Kennedy had been shot. We had no official word and could neither confirm nor deny. Pirated snatches of UPI news transmissions conveyed the story, though incompletely; it seemed that he had been hit but must still be alive. A senior Foreign Ministry official called about noon and urgently requested information on behalf of the Acting Foreign Minister. We had nothing we could say beyond the news reports he had already heard. Just at lunchtime a USIS Wireless File item came in reporting the shooting and the fact that the Senator was about to be operated on. USIS put the item out as a news release.

By afternoon it was clear that Senator Kennedy was critically injured and was undergoing a very delicate operation. Local news reports the next morning were more complete than anything available officially. See clippings, Enclosure 1. Senator Kennedy's doctors were concerned at the lack of improvement; things looked rather bad. Shortly after 11 AM word was received that the Senator was dead. Anticipating instructions from Washington (finally received late in the day), the Embassy put its flag at half mast, opened a condolence book and began to make plans for a memorial service. Plans for coping with possible demonstrations against the Embassy were also reviewed, and it was decided to alert the police (through the appropriate ministries) of our concern that adequate protection be afforded in the event that any sort of demonstration should develop. The Ambassador then prepared a brief statement to be released with the announcement that a condolence book had been opened (Enclosure 2).

Shortly afterward, Mr. Stewart Marchand, an Irishman from Kitwe, called to ask if the Embassy would object if he were to open a condolence book in the lobby of the Edinburgh Hotel in Kitwe. We made no objection, suggesting only that he might find it useful to coordinate with the Catholic clergy in Kitwe, which Mr. Marchand proceeded to do.

Friday morning the independent Times of Zambia carried adverse comments by various local figures (Lusaka 2022) as well as an editorial and straight news coverage (Enclosure 3). One senior political figure expressed conviction that the murder had been masterminded by "those already in power." The government-owned Zambia Mail also covered the news, but without editorial comment (Enclosure 4). From Luwingu in the Northern Province, Vice President Simon Kapwepwe was quoted as calling the assassination "primitive, barbaric and undemocratic." From Uganda, where he was visiting a political party meeting, President Kaunda spoke bitterly of the loss, denouncing violence in American society, and characterizing this act as "the beginning of the end."

Radio Zambia's Friday morning news commentary, prepared the evening before by its Head of News, Naphy Nyalugwe, attributed the murder to "a society that is sick and growing sicker every day." This was one of the most unfair news talks we have ever heard on Radio Zambia. (See the full text, Enclosure 5).

President Kaunda returned to Zambia Friday evening and devoted most of his airport arrival speech to the assassination, holding the United States Government responsible for inadequate protection. (Press Release, Enclosure 6).

The Saturday morning Times of Zambia (clippings, Enclosure 7) reported the President's remarks and also carried most of a statement the Ambassador made earlier (Enclosure 8) to refute charges that the assassination had been schemed by "those in power" in the U.S.

A memorial requiem mass was held at St. Ignatius Catholic Church at 5 PM June 8, attended by Vice President and Mrs. Simon Kapwepwe, Foreign Minister Reuben Kamanga, and at least one other minister, plus a large number of expatriates and local people.

The Sunday papers on June 9 carried straight news about the capture in London of Martin Luther King's assassin, the arraignment of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, and the capture of a gunman at the requiem mass in New York. No more editorial comments or other local reactions were reported. By the time the Condolence Book was closed at noon there were some 433 entries (some covering more than one person), including a few ministers and senior officials.

As of Monday June 10, news media were still carrying straight news items related to the assassination and its aftermath but no editorials or other reactions, the news having been eclipsed somewhat by critical local events, especially the destruction by sabotage of an important bridge on Zambia's Great East Road.

Further comment and analysis will be submitted separately.


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BANNER HEADLINE "KENNEDY FIGHTING FOR HIS LIFE"
Times of Zambia, June 6, 1968

LOS ANGELES, Wednesday.

SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY remains in "a very critical" condition after a three-hour operation to remove a bullet from his brain. This was stated in a hospital bulletin issued ten hours after the Senator was shot in the head and neck at a hotel here.

MEANWHILE, POLICE SAID A MAN HAD BEEN FORMALLY CHARGED WITH ASSAULT TO MURDER. HE WAS NAMED AS SIRHAN SIRHAN, AGED 23, OF PASADENA, BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN BORN IN JERUSALEM.

Hopes that the 42-year-old Senator's life would be saved rose with a report that the bullet which ploughed into his head had caused no damage to his brain. But doctors at the Catholic Good Samaritan Hospital warned that it would take four or five days to determine the outcome of the operation.

The operation was carried out about two hours and 50 minutes after the gunman jumped out of crowds in the Ambassador Hotel as they congratulated the Senator on his primary election victory in California over Senator Eugene McCarthy, one of his rivals for the Democratic Party's Presidential nomination.

Emptied revolver

The swarthy, dark-haired gunman emptied his revolver in the direction of the Senator, hitting Kennedy twice and wounding three other people.

Bystanders hurled themselves towards him and he was hustled away by police. Kennedy supporters clawed and screamed at him, shouting: "Lynch him, lynch him."

At the Central Receiving Hospital where Senator Kennedy was first taken, one doctor thought at first that he was dead. But Dr. Victor Barr said that when he slapped the Senator's face, calling out, "Bob, Bob", Mr. Kennedy stirred.

Dr. Barr put his stethoscope to Mr. Kennedy's chest and heard a strong heartbeat. Then he let Senator Kennedy's wife, Ethel, expecting her 11th child, use the stethoscope to convince her that he was alive.

The nation was shocked by the shooting — which came only two months after the murder of Negro civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King—and President Johnson ordered the secret service to provide an immediate body-guard for all Presidential campaign candidates and their families.

The shooting will change the face of the Presidential election campaign, in which he was one of the favourites to stand against the Republicans.

Others hit

Three other men were shot in the fusillade of bullets which felled Senator Kennedy.

The men, standing near the Senator in the hotel ballroom, were Bill Welzel, an associate producer of the American Broadcasting Company, Paul Schrade, an official of the United Auto Workers Union, and Ira Goldstein, a radio newsmen.

Welzel, hit in the abdomen, was in undetermined condition, as was Schrade with a scalp wound. Goldstein, shot in the leg and back, was said to be in good condition in hospital.

There was speculation that more than one person was involved after an eye-witness

reported seeing a woman in a polka-dot dress running towards an exit shouting: "We shot him, we shot him."

The assistant maitre d'hotel, Karl Uecker, told reporters that he prevented the gunman firing all eight bullets at Kennedy.

"Kennedy was making hands with someone when we came through the door," he said. "Someone jumped up from the floor. I saw paper flying—it might have been a paper bag the gun was in."

"At the second shot Kennedy fell. I quickly got a headlock on the gunman but he kept shooting."

Another eye-witness said the arrested man shouted: "I did it for my country" as he was dragged away.

Blood

Pools of blood soaked the floor.

Only seconds before the shooting — which came four-and-a-half years after his brother's assassination — the elated Senator Kennedy had promised that as President he would end violence in the United States.

Police said later that suspect Sirhan was identified through a set of fingerprints filed as a matter of routine when Sirhan, as a youth, applied for a city recreation department job as an ~~ice cream~~ boy for horses.

Four 100-dollar notes were found on him, which might indicate he was planning a getaway from the area, a police chief said.

The suspect also carried a derogatory news clipping about Senator Kennedy.

According to police files Sirhan was born in the former Jordanian sector of Jerusalem but they had no idea what his nationality might be.

Silent

He refused to speak as he was charged.

Police said they had cleared the owner of a car whose key had been found in Sirhan's possession. A gun, an eight-shot .22 revolver taken from the suspect, was not registered in his name.

The assassination attempt was expected to bring renewed demands for tighter federal and state controls on guns and other weapons.

Since the assassination of his brother, the Senator has himself been one of the leading advocates of stricter controls on the sale and possession of arms.

However, strong lobbies in Congress and state legislatures have so far largely resisted such pressures, claiming that tight controls would infringe the constitutional right of the American citizen to bear arms.—Rtr.

PROFILE

Inheritor of a myth, RFK is a crusader and political realist

LOS ANGELES, Wednesday.

SENATOR ROBERT F. Kennedy, energetic and wiry with some of the glamour of his late brother, John F. Kennedy, is a man who had his eyes set on the White House.

He is the inheritor of a myth cherished by millions of Americans who discovered a taste for dynasty when John Kennedy was President and who now dream of "the restoration."

Bobby Kennedy, as he is generally called, still youthful but with grey flecking his tousled hair, is 42.

His bid to gain his nation's highest office came sooner than expected. Personal differences with President Johnson, although legend in Washington, did not bring on the challenge.

Instead it stemmed from the New York Senator's deep feeling that the Johnson Administration had not been flexible enough in seeking peace in Vietnam and that at home the country was being torn apart by dissension and racial strife.

In March 1967, Senator Kennedy proposed an unqualified halt in the American bombing of North Vietnam to try to initiate peace talks.

Last February 8, in a widely-acclaimed speech, he attacked every major facet of the Johnson Administration's Vietnam policy and called the President's claims of progress "illusory."

Times of Zambia, June 6, 1968

From then on, it seemed only a question of "when would Bobby run?" — whether he would try to unseat the President in 1968 or hold back until 1972.

Bobby Kennedy was his brother's campaign manager when John Fitzgerald Kennedy became President in 1960.

He became Attorney-General and Presidential right-arm to his elder brother, who was assassinated in Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1963.

Abrasive

Married with 10 children, he was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on November 20, 1925. Though more abrasive than his brother Edward, Senator from Massachusetts and youngest member of the Kennedy dynasty, he is also more experienced and more aggressive.

He resigned as Attorney-General in September 1964 and stood successfully in the New York Senatorial elections two months later.

He has been a staunch supporter of Negro civil rights. Despite his differences with the President, the question of civil rights is one on which they see eye to eye and much of the President's legislation fulfilled policies advocated by the Senator.

As Attorney-General, Senator Kennedy sent 20,000 Federal troops into Oxford, Mississippi, in 1962 to enforce the enrolment of James Meredith as first Negro student at the university there.

He went to South Africa on a five-day visit in June 1966 at the invitation of students a visit which aroused sharp controversy here.

Apartheid

The Government refused to meet him and he made a spectacular speech branding apartheid as evil.

Senator Kennedy afterwards expressed concern at a society based on the colour of the skin rather than on the ability of the people. He said: "This must cause a great deal of concern and I was disturbed by the fact that there were many injustices to individuals because they were black and not white."

The blue-eyed Senator once infuriated racial segregationists by prophesying that the the US would have its first Negro President by the end of the Century.

As he embarked on his campaign, he denied a report that he had in effect issued an ultimatum to Mr. Johnson that he would challenge him for the nomination unless he agreed to a proposal to establish a commission to examine Vietnam war policy.

Alleging that the report was a distorted "leak" from the White House, he said: "This incident reveals in the sharpest possible terms why the American people no longer believe the President and the White House: why the credibility of our political leadership has been so critically eroded and why it is clear that the only way we are going to change our policy in Vietnam is to change administrations in Washington."—Reuter.

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MEMORIAL BOOK OPENED FOR SENATOR KENNEDY

LUSAKA, June 6 -- A book of condolences in memory of the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy has been opened in the entrance lobby of the American Embassy, David Livingstone Road, here, the Embassy announced today.

The American Ambassador to Zambia, Robert C. Good, meanwhile, issued the following statement.

"For Americans, this is an hour of anguish, and for countless millions across the world, a day of dismay.

"If senseless tragedy is to be invested with any meaning at all, we must hope that the life and the terrible death of Robert Kennedy will open the eyes of his troubled country and a distraught world. He hated injustice and violence and gave himself wholly to the quest for peace and brotherhood. If we would truly honour him, we will do likewise."

The memorial book will be available to those who wish to pay their respects to the late Senator daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and from 9 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday and Sunday.

PRESIDENT Johnson today proclaimed a day of national mourning for Senator Robert Kennedy, victim of an assassination that has stirred the nation's conscience.

THE SENATOR, WHO DIED AT 1.44 A.M. (08.44 GMT) IN THE GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL, IS TO BE BURIED ALONGSIDE HIS BROTHER, PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, IN THE ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY.

It is only four and a half years since President Kennedy was himself buried in this shrine of American heroes overlooking Washington after being shot dead in Dallas, Texas, by an assassin.

Senator Edward Kennedy, 38, sole survivor of the four brothers groomed by their father for high political office, is already being mentioned as a possible candidate for the Democratic Party's Vice-Presidential nomination.

The death of Senator Kennedy today from an assassin's bullet means that the youngest member, known as "Ted," is now the standard bearer for the Kennedy dynasty.

He himself narrowly averted death in a 1964 plane crash. His back was broken and for a time it looked as if he would be a cripple for life.

President Johnson, in his proclamation today, said: "The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death casts a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world."

He ordered that the Stars and Stripes be flown at half-mast throughout the nation, and set Sunday—the day after the funeral — as the day of national mourning.

The President's statement reflected the rising concern of the nation over lawlessness that has led to moves to curb the free sale of guns and to provide greater safety for political leaders.

Senator Kennedy's body was being flown from Los Angeles to New York today in a special jet ordered by Mr. Johnson. Aboard were members of the Kennedy family and friends — among them the widows of three assassination victims.

Family members included the Senator's 40-year-old wife Ethel, expecting her 11th child, and her three oldest children; the Senator's only surviving brother, Senator Edward Kennedy, and Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, widow of President Kennedy.

Other passengers included Mrs. Coretta King, widow of Negro civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, who was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, only two months ago.

Ethel, Edward and Jacqueline Kennedy were at the Senator's bedside when he died.

In New York the Senator's body will be taken to St. Patrick's Cathedral where it will lie in state for 15 hours.

A Requiem Mass, with New York Archbishop Terence Cooke officiating, will be celebrated in St. Patrick's on Saturday and it is likely that President Johnson and other American and foreign dignitaries will attend.

Times of Zambia, June 7, 1968

BANNER HEADLINE "THE WORLD MOURNS
BOBBY KENNEDY"

The aide, Frank Mankiewicz walked slowly into the temporary Press room set up in the nurses' dining hall of the hospital to make the death announcement.

Looking grim, his head bowed before a battery of television cameras, he said laconically: "I have a statement which I will make at this time."

He then read the death announcement, which began: "Senator Robert Kennedy died at 1.44 a.m. today, June 6, 1968. . . ."

Sinking

The previous bulletin on Senator Kennedy, issued at 5 pm. (midnight GMT), had made it clear that doctors feared the worst. It said that the Senator's condition was "extremely critical as to life."

Asked if Senator Kennedy had been sinking during the time between the two announcements, Mankiewicz said: "It was not a question of sinking, but of not rising."

Shortly after Senator Kennedy's death, Los Angeles police said a charge against Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, a 24-year-old Jordanian immigrant held for the shooting, would be automatically changed to murder.

Initially, after being arrested in a struggle in the hotel, he was accused of assault with intent to kill the Senator and five other people wounded in the shooting.

Sirhan refused to speak to police at all at first. Later he began talking to his interrogators, but not about the shooting.

Sirhan, who has lived in California for the past 11 years, was identified only after the .22 calibre revolver used in the shooting had been traced to him.

He had four 100-dollar bills in his pocket when arrested and a newspaper clipping unfavourable to Senator Kennedy, police said.

Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty told reporters yesterday that an entry in a diary alleged to belong to Sirhan stated that Senator Kennedy had to be killed by June 5 — the first anniversary of the start of the six-day Israeli-Arab war.

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Security

New York police are already making security arrangements, like to be the tightest in the city's history, for the service. Immediately after the Mass. Senator Kennedy's body will be taken by train to Washington for the burial.

The Senator's death was announced by one of his aides just over 25 hours after he was shot through the head and neck in a Los Angeles hotel as he was celebrating his primary election victory in California.

Surgeons carried out a three-and-a-half hour operation to remove the bullet from his brain, but he never regained consciousness. There had been fears that even if he survived, his faculties would be permanently damaged.

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This has led to speculation that the motive for the killing was Senator Kennedy's support of the Israeli cause.

Senator Kennedy's death threw the American political scene into turmoil for the second time in nine weeks — the first being President Johnson's unexpected decision not to run for re-election.

The scene is now more confused than ever in this wildly-unpredictable Presidential race, though some analysts believe the electioneering moratorium that has followed Senator Kennedy's death will give an advantage to the "old

guard" candidates — Vice-President Hubert Humphrey for the Democrats and former Vice-President Richard Nixon for the Republicans.

President Johnson announced last night that he had ordered a special 10-member commission to try to find out "why we inflict such suffering on ourselves."

It will be headed by Dr Milton Eisenhower, 69-year-old brother of ex-President Eisenhower, and will look into the causes and control of violence.

The House of Representatives is also expected to give approval to a Bill today to control the sale of firearms in the United States.

The ease with which weapons can be obtained — even by mail order — has been cited by supporters of the Bill as one of the key factors in the nation's violence.

In Jerusalem, the father of the man accused of shooting Senator Kennedy told reporters today: "I am shocked by the action of my son."

Tracked down to the small Arab village of Taiyaba near Jerusalem, Beshara Salame Sirhan, 52, said he was an admirer of the late President John Kennedy and felt grieved about the shooting of the Senator.

In Paris, French writer and film maker Romain Gary today quoted Senator Kennedy as telling him a fortnight ago that an assassination attempt would be made on him sooner or later.

"One must rely on luck," he quoted Mr. Kennedy as saying.

Times of Zambia, June 7, 1968

SAVAGE ACT SHOCKS ZAMBIA *L*

Killing 'schemed by those in power'

THE assassination of Senator Kennedy was "only what could be expected from the cowboy government of the United States," Zambian Minister of State for the Western Province, Mr. Peter Chanda, said yesterday.

The death was regrettable and a loss to humanity. He was convinced that the mur-



Mr. Chanda

der had been master-minded by those already in power.

Mr. Chanda added that America preached democracy from the hill tops, yet was the scene of "such a brutal, savage and uncivilised murder."

President Kaunda, on his arrival back from East Africa today, is expected to make a speech on the killing.

A survey conducted by the Times of Zambia yesterday revealed that Senator Ken-



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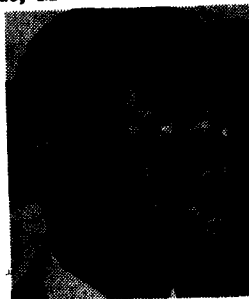
nedy had endeared himself to Zambians.

Throughout Wednesday and yesterday, the Times offices were flooded with inquiries on the condition of the Senator.

Radio Zambia interrupted its programmes to give details, and finally to announce his death yesterday morning.

Scheduled programmes were cancelled in the afternoon and replaced by serious music and items of news from America.

UNIP's national secretary and Minister without Portfolio, Mr. Mainza Chona, said



Mr. Munkanta

he believed that the assassin was a "mercenary."

America had lost a potential "second best President" after his brother John F. Kennedy.

"The death of Kennedy shows that to survive as President of America one has to be a thug," Mr. Chona said.

In Ndola, the Christian Church has joined in the mourning.

"Kennedy stood for human rights and equality for the



Miss Nyendwa

Negroes and had plans to end the unsolved Vietnam war," the Rev. Ben Zulu said.

Chiwala Secondary School teacher, Mr. Oliver Munkanta said: "This is a very uncivilised act. If it happened here the outcry would be that we still lived in jungle."

Miss Mary Nyendwa, an Ndola school teacher, said the killing was a culmination of racialism and activities of selfish individuals who were hungry for power.

Times of Zambia, June 7, 1968

PROMISE BROKEN BY A BULLET

THE BELLS toll again today for another Kennedy, for another American leader whose promise to millions was broken by the bullet of one man.

Robert Kennedy was not given even the brief display of his brother, that bright star whose short orbit never reached its apogee.

Some, with strange logic, scorned the younger Kennedy for attempting to follow his brother, arguing that agreement and imitation were opportunism.

They were wrong. On the day his mind was extinguished, it was plain that he, above all, was the white American leader who held the trust of his country's underprivileged, including the Negro minority.

What he might have done for his country has gone with him. His accomplishments remain and will continue to work among those who shared his anguished desire to cure the sickness of violence as a political method.

Out of his death we can hope for the emergence of a larger will to recognise and end the brutalising effects of both reckless privilege and hopeless poverty.

Both Kennedys used and bequeathed us a slogan for intelligent leadership everywhere: "We can do better... We must do better."

And so we must and quickly too, if we are to deserve those who, in Stephen Spender's words:

"... wore at their hearts the fire's centre.

"Born of the sun they travelled a short while towards the sun,

"And left the vivid air signed with their honour."

Times of Zambia, June 7, 1968

OUTRAGE BRINGS DISTRESS TO ALL AFRICA

HEADS of state throughout Africa received the news of Senator Kennedy's death with "indignation," "profound distress," and "great shock."

The mood was of sadness and bitterness at the loss of a champion of minority ethnic groups in America.

In the north, King Hassan of MOROCCO cabled President Johnson from his capital, Rabat, that he was "profoundly afflicted by the news of the death of Senator Kennedy, victim of an odious outrage."

In TUNISIA, President Habib Bourguiba sent condolences to President Johnson and said the assassination had "profoundly moved all Tunisians."

In East Africa, Presidents Milton Obote of UGANDA, Julius Nyerere of TANZANIA, Kenneth Kaunda of ZAMBIA and Vice-President Daniel Arap Moi of KENYA endorsed a resolution in Kampala expressing "great shock" at the news.

Newspapers in Kenya questioned the U.S. law that permits "any felon or maniac" to buy any firearm he wants.

In Lagos, the head of the NIGERIAN Federal Military Government, Major General Yakubu Gowon, said that the assassination was a reckless act that deprived the American people and mankind of the Senator's devoted, conscientious and courageous services.

From ENGLAND, Queen Elizabeth sent a personal message expressing her deepest sympathy to Mrs. Kennedy.

"I am shocked and distressed by the tragic death of your husband. I send you my deepest sympathy. My thoughts are with you and your children in your great loss," the message said.

Arab newspapers in the Middle East, while unanimous in denouncing the murder, disowned Arab responsibility for the shooting by 24-year-old Palestinian-born Sirhan Sirhan.

"The criminal may be someone carrying an Arab nationality but he was only an instrument in carrying out the crime," one paper wrote.

Meanwhile, in AMERICA, Senator Eugene McCarthy called for renewed dedication to the cause of peace and reconciliation.

He said words could do little to ease the anguish of the Senator's family and the grief of all those who loved him.—Reuter.

ZAMBIA MAIL, June 7, 1968

DEATH OF A SENATOR

Los Angeles, Thursday

THE United States was plunged into mourning today by the announcement that Senator Robert F. Kennedy had died from bullet wounds suffered last night.

As news of his death circulated around the world messages of sympathy to his family from leaders of many nations were flooding in.

In a statement President Johnson paid high tribute to the dead senator — probably his bitterest political opponent in recent months — and said: "Our public life is diminished by his loss."

Directing that the Stars and Stripes be flown at half-mast throughout the United States and at American posts overseas until the time of the senator's interment, President Johnson declared next Sunday as a day of mourning.

"The tragedy and senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death casts a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world," said President Johnson in a proclamation issued at the White House minutes after the announcement of the senator's death.

"This is a moment for all Americans to join hands and walk together through this dark night of anguish into a new dawn of healing unity," he said.

As Senator Kennedy died at 0844 GMT yesterday his wife Ethel, expecting her eleventh child, and other members of the Kennedy family were at his bedside in the Los Angeles Catholic Good Samaritan Hospital.

Even had he lived, the chances were that he would have been cruelly disabled by the bullet that tore through his head and damaged his brain.

Tears

Outside the hospital women burst into tears when the death was announced. But the crowd of about 1,000, who had kept an all-night vigil, did not repeat the emotional scenes immediately after the shooting when people screaming "pray for him, pray for him" went down on their knees in the Ambassador Hotel foyer.

Later it was announced that Senator Kennedy will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery where his brother, the late President Kennedy, was interred following his assassination in November 1963.

The body of the dead senator would leave here later today on a jet airliner provided by the White House. Members of Senator Kennedy's family, friends and members of his staff will be aboard the aircraft.

In New York the senator's body will be taken to St Patrick's Cathedral where it will lie in state for 15 hours. After a Requiem Mass on Saturday

morning it will be taken by train to Washington and then nearby Arlington for burial.

And Los Angeles police said today that Sirhan Sirhan — accused of shooting Senator Kennedy — would be charged with his murder as soon as the necessary formalities were completed.

In Kampala, today — Presidents Milton Obote of Uganda, Julius Nyerere of Tanzania, Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia and Vice-President Daniel Arap Moi of Kenya endorsed a resolution expressing "great shock" at the death of Senator Kennedy.

The resolution, passed unanimously by 3,000 delegates, observers and guests at the opening ceremony of the annual conference of the ruling Uganda People's Congress, sent heartfelt condolences to the Senator's widow and the Kennedy family.

In Luwingu, Northern Zambia, the Vice-President, Mr Simon Kapwepwe, described the assassination as "primitive, barbaric and undemocratic".

And in Lusaka, the American Embassy announced that a book of condolences in memory of Senator Kennedy had been opened in the entrance lobby of the embassy at David Livingstone Road.

The book will be available to the public from 8 am until 6 pm and from 9 am until noon on Saturday and Sunday.

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News Talk

American violence

Senator Robert Kennedy is dead - a victim of the wave of violence that is today gripping the body politic of America. The unguarded words of Jacqueline Kennedy have proved to be correct. On hearing that Robert Kennedy intended to run for Presidential elections she said: "But he will be killed." The question is why should Kennedy follow Mr. Evers, his brother John, Malcolm X, and Dr. Martin Luther King - all known political figures who were assassinated within the past five years? The answer is that violence has been a part of the American way of life, but only recently has it reached such gigantic, menacing and horrifying proportions.

Whereas youth in other societies have been fed on fairy tales the young in America are fed on films of horror and violence. They are not shocked any more at violent deaths or of a murderous killing. For many youths in America killing looks like a heroic deed. A gun represents violence whether it be a toy gun or a real one. America today condemns a murderer, but at the same time it loves murder. Further, large sections of the American society are ruled by gangsters. Gangsterism in America is part of Big Business today. Mafia which is worth millions of dollars today is a glaring example. Violence begets violence. Even if it seems to be impulsive, it builds up over a long time. The United States is confronted with a rising tide of violence, both individual and collective, actual and potential.

Senator Kennedy's murder did not intrude from outside into American life. It grew directly out of it. It fits into, and highlights the social and political context in which it occurred. Violence permeates the American social life on many different levels. In none has it abated during this decade. In all it has become intensified. Such has been the increase in violence that adult murders in the first quarter of last year increased by twenty-three percent. Last year there were nine thousand murders in America compared to less than two hundred in Britain.

Life has become so cheap for murderers in the United States that even national figures cannot escape their bullets. It would have been expected that after the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy, there would have been a national shakeup of the Police force and the security forces. But nothing was done and more fell victims. Another significant fact is that none of the murderers have been brought to book. President Johnson has appointed a ten-member Commission to investigate means of ending violence in America. But it is too late. American society is split wide open, between the rich and the poor, between the whites and the Negroes, between those for and against the war in Vietnam. All these are symptoms of a society that is sick, and growing sicker day by day.

Senator Kennedy's murder can be seen as a horrible example of social contamination with violence. It was carried out in a country charged with the electricity of violence. It was not just an unfortunate incident, as some would have it. Nor was it inevitable. It was highly selective. Kennedy was a marked man. He represented an idea. He was a key person; and many regarded him as an enemy. He was opposed by those who wished everything to stay as it is. That was the effect and the underlying social motive. America has prided itself as a democracy with complete freedom. A new freedom has been added - freedom to kill and get away. If the President and candidates for Presidency are not safe, who in America is safe? After the killing of Dr. King, people asked who is next? Now with the slaying of Senator Robert Kennedy, again people ask who is next? Will it be Senator McCarthy or another Negro like Rap Brown or Stokely Carmichael?

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The world is in a grip of rigid shock at the dastardly and cowardly shooting of the popular American Senator Robert Kennedy in a hotel in Los Angeles yesterday after his election victory over Senator Eugene McCarthy in the California Presidential primary. The shooting has plunged the United States and many peace-loving countries of the world into a state of gloom and despair, especially as it comes exactly two months after the slaying of one of the most distinguished leaders for the cause of Human Rights and dignity - the American civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King. It was a savage act, unspeakable and has really tarnished the good name of America. It is indeed a travesty of everything America stands for. Only seconds before the shooting, Senator Kennedy had promised that as President he would end violence in the United States.

Senator Robert Kennedy, energetic and wiry with some of the glamour of his late brother who died at the hands of an assassin, is a man who had his eyes set on the Presidency of the United States. Bobby Kennedy, as he is generally known, still youthful but with grey flecking his tousled hair, is forty-two. His bid to gain the Presidency of the United States came sooner than expected. It stemmed from his deep feeling that the present administration was not flexible enough in seeking peace in Vietnam and that at home the country was being torn apart by dissension and racial strife.

He resigned as the country's Attorney General in September 1964 and stood successfully in the New York Senatorial elections two months later. He later became the champion of the liberals. As Attorney General, he sent twenty thousand federal troops into Oxford, Mississippi in 1962 to enforce the enrollment of James Meredith as the first Negro student at the University there. He went to South Africa on a five-day visit in June 1966 - a visit which aroused sharp controversy there. The Vorster Government refused to meet him but he made a spectacular speech branding

apartheid as evil. He later infuriated racial segregationists in the United States by prophesying that the United States would have its first Negro President by the end of the century.

On March the sixteenth this year he decided to enter the election race for the Presidency of the United States, and was already showing promising signs that he would turn out to be the next President of the United States. His victory in Los Angeles where he was shot was yet another step in this direction, but even before the Presidential race, Senator Robert Kennedy had become the most popular American politician on the American political scene. His popularity was rather an unusual phenomenon in modern America where one can observe the falling of prestige and a public interest to statesmen and political leaders on the whole.

In recent years hundreds of articles have appeared in the American press attempting to explain the popularity of Senator Kennedy. Many authors of these articles are of the opinion that Robert Kennedy personifies a new trend in American political life connected with the awakening of an interest in politics among wide sections of the American youth. His popularity among the youth is compared with the popularity of the Beatles. But the main reason for Robert Kennedy's success among definite American sections is his disagreement with the policies of the present leadership of the American Democratic Party. Some link Kennedy's name with the hope that the United States could still be extricated from the tempestuous waters in which it finds itself as a result of the government's adventurist policy. The sharp divergence between Senator Kennedy's views and those of President Johnson both on matters concerning foreign policy and domestic problems are grounds for such expectation.

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PRESIDENT KAUNDA BACK FROM KENYA AND UGANDA.

President Kaunda arrived in Lusaka this evening after his seven-day state visit to Kenya and Uganda. At the International Airport he told a large gathering of people who came to welcome him that he had a very successful visit to Kenya.

The President said everywhere he had gone he had received warm welcome and that in one part of Kenya he had been made Sheik - Arab Chief - in remembrance of what the Zambian Government had done in helping to **quell** the Kenya/Somalia border dispute.

President Kaunda said that in Uganda he attended a conference which was similar to Mulungushi Conference. This conference, he said was also attended by President Jomo Kenyatta and it was decided that Uganda Peoples Party, Tanganyika African National Union, United National Independence Party and the ruling party of Kenya should be called The Mulungushi Club.

On the death of late Senator Robert Kennedy, President Kaunda said the sad world had lost one of this generation's outstanding, dynamic and young leaders.

"We must make our view known to the American Government," he said. "We fail to understand that leaders of that type - first it was John Kennedy, second Martin Luther King, and now Bobby Kennedy - can be assassinated at all."

Dr. Kaunda went on to say that he saw a very strange pattern where outstanding leaders with a lot to contribute to the world could only be protected when they were dead.

"I hear that there were 500 police officers at the airport," he said "only to receive a dead body. We have a right to complain because we believe that in the persons of John Kennedy, Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy we lost men who will never be replaced at all."

President Kaunda said he did not understand how the Kennedy family would participate in the American politics because there was only one of them remaining now.

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"We regard those people who strike at the international problems as our friends," he said. "Boby Kennedy was one of the few American leaders who identified himself with the poor. For a rich man to come down and speak the voice of the poor is not an easy thing to achieve."

In welcoming the President, Vice-President Kapwepwe said he was very happy to see him back home. He said although there had been a strike at Kabwe zina mine and at Kitwe, where teachers went on strike, there had been a general quietness in the country. He thanked civil servants, members of the party and the general public for their co-operation during his absence.

Among the distinguished guests who came to welcome the President were the Speaker of the National Assembly, Mr. W.P. Nyirenda, the Minister Without Portfolio, Mr. M. Chona, The Commissioner of Police, Mr. M. Mataka, the Mayor of Lusaka, Councillor W. Banda, Chief Justice Blagden, the Commander Zambia Army, the Commander Zambia Air Force, many Government Ministers, top Government officials, and members of the Diplomatic Corps.

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BANNER HEADLINE "WEeping THOUSANDS PAY LAST TRIBUTES"

Times of Zambia, June 8, 1968

From Alan Paterson
MORE THAN 25,000 NEW YORK, Friday.
and grim-faced mourners an hour filed weeping
Senator Robert Kennedy the closed coffin of assassinated
Kennedy in St. Patrick's Cathedral
today.

In less than six hours after dawn, when the massive doors of the cathedral swung open to admit them, more than 25,000 people were estimated to have passed the black-draped catafalque where the coffin lay.

A long procession of grieving mourners of all ages, races and religions, and many different nationalities, wound back from the doors around the heart of Manhattan for over a dozen city blocks. The grim que grew hour by hour.

Hundreds waited all night to pay their last tributes. Those arriving during the morning had to wait up to three hours to get in.

Mothers cradling babies, children, blind men, elderly cripples shuffling forward on crutches, and young students, many weeping openly, filed sadly past.

Relatives and aides of the dead Senator and stars and celebrities from all walks of life took turns in keeping 30-minute vigils around the mahogany coffin, flanked by six yellow candles. Among the honour guards were Mr. Kennedy's two oldest sons, 18-year-old Joseph and 14-year-old Robert, who stood head bowed, his hands on the coffin during his half-hour watch.

New York's Mayor John Lindsay, paying his tribute, embraced the Senator's widow, Mrs. Ethel Kennedy, and told her in broken tones: "God bless you." Mrs. Kennedy is expecting her eleventh child in mid-January.

The 42-year-old Senator's body was flown here yesterday from Los Angeles where he died from an assassin's bullet in the brain yesterday morning. It was blessed in the cathedral by New York's Roman Catholic Archbishop Terence Cooke. Throughout the sorrowing city today flags flew at half-mast.

Official mourning in New York will continue tomorrow and Sunday, when the nation will observe a day of national mourning decreed by President Johnson.

After requiem mass tomorrow, Senator Kennedy's body will be taken by train to Washington, where a funeral cortege will take him through the heart of the capital to Arlington National Cemetery.

Meanwhile, Sheriff Pitchess reported that about 10 threats against the life of Kennedy's suspected assassin, Sirhan Sirhan, have been sent to the sheriff's department since the killing. He told reporters that most messages said they would kill Sirhan or shoot him while he was being taken from the jail to the court house.

Prosecution worried

The sheriff said Sirhan was "very reserved and totally non-committal" in conversation. He added that the prisoner had requested and was given newspapers. Some of them headlined the shooting of Kennedy and others carried the report of the Senator's death. The sheriff said there was no visible reaction on Sirhan's part when he read the papers.

Six uniformed guards are keeping a round-the-clock surveillance on Sirhan, with one deputy actually in the cell with him. Another watches through a glass porthole in the steel door and four others patrol the corridor.

Seventeen eyewitnesses are to give testimony later today on the killing, as public officials quarrel over the release of evidence about the accused assassin.

The witnesses were called before the Los Angeles Grand Jury from which lawyers hoped to secure a murder indictment against the 24-year old Jordanian refugee.

Among expected witnesses are Negro Olympic champion Rafer Johnson and football star Roosevelt Greer who pinned down Sirhan moments after Senator Kennedy was shot in the head in a kitchen of the Ambassador Hotel.

Lawmen, who believe they have an airtight case against Sirhan, voiced concern that statements made by Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty might damage the prosecution case by jeopardising the accused's legal rights.

At a Press conference, Mr. Yorty said there was "no doubt" about Sirhan's Communist sympathies and blamed the influence of Communism for the crime.

In the assassination investigation, police have put out an all-points alert to locate the white girl in a polka-dot dress thought to have been accomplice of Sirhan. Police got the tip from Miss Sandy Serrano, a Kennedy youth worker, who said she saw a young woman running from the scene of the crime, shouting, "We shot him, we shot him."

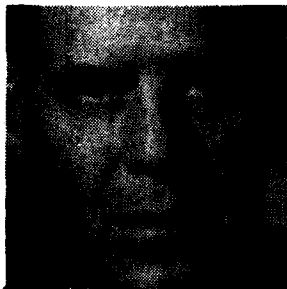
Envoy— replies to 'killing schemed' charge

By Times Reporter
COMMENTING on a claim that Senator Kennedy's killing was schemed by "those in power," the American Ambassador to Zambia, Mr. Robert Good, said yesterday that "those in power" stood shattered by the loss of a great humanitarian and leader.

Mr. Peter Chanda, Western Province Minister of State, made the "conspiracy" statement on Thursday.

Mr. Good replied that Senator Kennedy was assassinated by irrational and senseless hate and violence which knew no boundary and was the common enemy of all people.

"It's true that there is an ominous rising tide of violence in America, but let's be honest enough to



AMBASSADOR GOOD

admit that the trend towards violence is the more ominous because it is world-wide and not just in America," Mr. Good went on.

Day of mourning for RFK today

By Times Reporter

PRESIDENT KAUNDA has rapped the American Government for its failure to protect a living person when it can send off thousands of troops to meet his dead body. And Zambia is to observe today as a day of mourning, with flags flying at half mast, as a protest to America and its people.

"And let's be fair enough to admit that the charged assassin was not even an American, but a foreigner, evidently agitated by an issue having nothing at all to do with American domestic problems."

Americans were accused of being reckless with the lives of their eminent men, and it was tragically true that greater controls and protection must be devised, the ambassador said.

"Our candidates take vigorous and forthright stands on controversial issues. They give themselves to the public, as Kennedy did, without stint."

"No other great power has ever conducted its political debates with more candour and complete access to the public."

The Roman Catholic Church is to conduct a memorial service for the late Senator at 5 p.m. tomorrow at St. Ignatious Church, it was announced.

Deep sorrow over the brutal murder of the Senator, the second of the Kennedy family to die by the hand of a gunman in five years.

President Kaunda said: "It is sad to see that the world has lost this generation's leader. All that we have about this young man is that he was one of the few people who identified themselves with the poor."

At the time of his death he was identified with the poor people. "It is rare that you find a person from a rich family become what Kennedy had been."

The crowd stood up to observe a minute's silence in memory of Mr. Kennedy.

Dr. Kaunda said: "We fail to understand this kind of thing. We have a right to protest to the American Government and its society for the world's loss of three irreplaceable figures."

Dr. Kaunda reminded the crowd of the dedicated work of Mr. John Kennedy, the American President assassinated four years ago, who was the older brother of Mr. Robert Kennedy, and of Mr. Martin Luther King, the civil rights leader felled by a sniper's shots two months ago.

He said the world failed to see what part the Kennedy family, now left with the youngest son, Mr. Edward Kennedy, would play in American life.

Meanwhile, the British High Commissioner has cancelled a reception in honour of the Queen's Birthday following the announcement by President Kaunda that today would be a national day of mourning for the late Senator Kennedy.

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LUSAKA, JUNE 10 --- The following statement was issued June 7 by American Ambassador Robert C. Good in response to a request from the "Times of Zambia" for his reaction to published comments on Senator Kennedy's assassination.

"The brutal assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy has horrified the world, and America above all. As an American I am aghast at a hideous act that again has caused my nation to suffer an irreplaceable loss. In the face of this outrage, which has blighted the United States, Americans cannot be other than deeply contrite. But we also have a right to ask our friends to be fair.

It is true that there is an ominous rising tide of violence in America. But let us be honest enough to admit that the trend toward violence is the more ominous because it is world-wide - not just in America. And let us be fair enough to acknowledge that the charged assassin was not even an American - but a foreigner, evidently agitated by an issue having nothing to do with American domestic problems at all.

We are accused of being reckless with the lives of our eminent men. It is tragically true that greater controls and protection must be devised. Yet the other face of this weakness is a profound strength which Americans rightly cherish. Our political competition is open. Our candidates take vigorous and forthright stands on controversial issues. They give themselves to the public, as Kennedy did, without stint. No other great power has ever conducted its political debates with more candor and openness and complete access to the public.

Kennedy was not killed by a conspiracy of "those in power" who today stand shattered at the loss of this great humanitarian and leader. He was killed by the irrational and senseless hate and violence which know no boundary and are the common enemy of us all.'

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SUBJECT : PR Members Express Condolences Over Death of
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Embtel 3969 reported that Radical Party (PR) leaders were a notable exception in the stream of visitors that found its way to the Embassy, Consulate and Residence to express condolences, consternation and sympathy over the death of Senator Kennedy. In the interim, however, several PR notables including Senators Humberto Aguirre Doolan and Raul Juliet as well as others have in fact either called personally at the Embassy or telephoned or telegraphed their regrets. This airgram is to correct the record.

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